

3rd March 1927]

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—“ Applications have to be received by the D.P.I. No applications have been received by him ? ”

Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—“ What is meant by D.P.I., Sir ? ”

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—“ The Director of Public Instruction. I thought the hon. Member was long enough in this House to know all this phraseology.”

Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—“ It was never used in this House before, Sir.”

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—“ With regard to (b), may I know on what basis is the calculation made for the grant to the Indian boarding houses ? ”

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—“ The calculation is at the rate of Rs. 10 per pupil.”

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—“ Is it Rs. 10 a year ? ”

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—“ Yes.”

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—“ How many poor boys are allowed this grant all over the Presidency ? ”

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—“ The hon. Member will see that even for this sum of Rs. 30,000 provided in the budget there are no applicants.”

Local Boards and Municipalities

Grants to local bodies.

* 209 Q.—Mr. J. KUPPUSWAMI : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased—

(a) to state the principles on which the Government make distribution of grants to local bodies for various purposes, including village roads ; and

(b) to furnish a statement showing the distribution of such grants for the purpose districtwar during each of the last three years ?

A.—(a) & (b) An answer to the hon. Member's question cannot be given in reasonable space, or without disproportionate expenditure of time and labour. If the hon. Member will ask for specific information in regard to any particular grant in respect of any particular district or districts, it will be furnished.

Elected Chairman for Palacole municipality.

* 210 Q.—Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether, in pursuance of the unanimous resolution of the Palacole municipality, No. 355, dated 21st December 1925, the Government intend to confer on the municipality the right of electing its chairman when the vacancy next occurs in March 1927 ?

A.—The question will be fully considered when the time comes to decide it.

Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU :—“ If I understand the answer aright, it seems to have been given in January. May I know if the time has now come for consideration of this matter ? ”